

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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Plaintiff,
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-v.-
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\$409,805.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY,
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Defendant-*in-rem*.
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JUDGMENT OF FORFEITURE

19 Civ. 6892 (ALC)

WHEREAS, on or about July 24, 2019, the United States commenced an *in rem* forfeiture action by the filing of a Verified Civil Complaint for Forfeiture (the “Verified Complaint”) seeking the forfeiture of the Defendant-*in-rem* (the “Defendant Currency”) to the Government pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 881(a)(6);

WHEREAS, notice of the Verified Complaint against the Defendant-*in-rem* was posted on the official government internet site, www.forfeiture.gov, for at least 30 consecutive days, beginning on August 3, 2019, through September 1, 2019, and proof of such publication was filed with the Clerk of this Court on December 3, 2020 (D.E. 16);

WHEREAS, as set forth in Rule G(4)(a)(ii) and Rule G(5)(a)(ii), the notice of forfeiture specified the Defendant Currency and the intent of the United States to forfeit and dispose of the Defendant Currency, thereby notifying all third parties of their right to file a claim to adjudicate the validity of their alleged legal interest in the Defendant Currency, within sixty days from the first day of publication of the Notice on the official government internet site;

WHEREAS, on or about August 21, 2019, a claim was filed by Max Hartman (the “Claimant”) asserting an ownership interest in the Defendant Currency (the “Claim”) (D.E. 4);

WHEREAS, on or about September 11, 2019, an Answer was filed by the Claimant (D.E. 8);

WHEREAS, on or about November 5, 2020, the Court entered a Stipulation and Order resolving the Claim wherein the Government agreed to return \$351,805 of the Defendant Currency (the “Returned Funds”) to the Claimant and the Claimant agreed to not contest the forfeiture of the remaining \$58,000 of the Defendant Funds (the “Forfeited Funds”)(D.E. 15);

WHEREAS, the Claimant is the only individual and/or entity known to the Government to have a potential interest in the Forfeited Funds; and

WHEREAS, no claims or answers, other than the Claimant’s, have been filed or made in this action and no other parties have appeared to contest the action, and the requisite time periods in which to do so, as set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 983(a)(4)(A) and Rule G of the Supplement Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Claims, have expired;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Forfeited Funds shall be, and the same hereby is, forfeited to the Plaintiff United States of America.
2. The United States Marshals Service (or its designee) shall dispose of the Forfeited Funds, according to law.

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3. The Clerk of the Court shall forward four certified copies of this Judgment of Forfeiture to Assistant United States Attorney, Alexander J. Wilson, Co-Chief of the Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York, 10007.

Dated: New York, New York
January __21__, 2021

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew L. Carter Jr.", written in a cursive style.

THE HONORABLE ANDREW L. CARTER JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE